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SUBJ: SCC MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 1973 (SCC II - 020)

1. GRAYBEAL OPENED BY PROPOSING REVISED PARA 3 OF
PROTOCOL FOR ABM SYSTEMS REINSERTING US LANGUAGE INCLUDING
"AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES" AND ACCEPTING SOVIET PHRASE
INDICATING THAT ONLY REPLACEMENT PORTION OF ARTICLE VII
APPLIED.

2. USTINOV PROPOSED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR SECTION I
PARAS. 1, 2 AND 3 OF ABM PROCEDURES DEALING WITH EXCESS
ABM LAUNCHERS AT TEST RANGES (SOVIET TRANSLATION):

PARAGRAPH 1 -

"ABOVE-GROUND LAUNCHERS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM SITES
AND PLACES OF INSTALLATION OF LAUNCH DEVICES SHALL BE
DESTROYED. DEBRIS OF LAUNCH DEVICE INSTALLATION PLACES
SHALL REMAIN FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, AFTER WHICH THESE
DEBRIS MAY BE REMOVED AND INSTALLATION PLACES OF ABM
LAUNCH DEVICES MAY BE COVERED WITH EARTH".

PARAGRAPH 2 -

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"ABM LAUNCH SILOS SHALL BE MADE UNUSABLE BY

REMOVAL OF LAUNCHER RAILS. ABM LAUNCH SILOS, THAT HAVE BEEN MADE UNUSABLE, SHALL BE LEFT OPEN FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, AFTER WHICH THEY MAY BE COVERED WITH EARTH."

PARAGRAPH 3 -

"THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN NO MORE THAN THREE MONTHS AFTER THEIR INITIATION."

3. GRAYBEAL MADE STATEMENT SUPPORTING INCLUSION OF SENTENCE HE PROPOSED ON OCT 15 IN SECTION I PARA 2 OF SPECIFIC PROCEDURES FOR OFFENSIVE ARMS ("IN ADDITION, ALL SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILES FIRST TESTED AFTER 1964 ARE MODERN SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILES")., AND URGED SOVIET SIDE TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION AND ACCEPT THIS ADDITION. USTINOV RESPONDED THAT SOVIET SIDE HAD ALREADY SET FORTH ITS VIEWS; HOWEVER, SOVIET SIDE WILL CAREFULLY CONSIDER US STATEMENT AND RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT AT A FUTURE MEETING.

4. USTINOV TABLED FOLLOWING PROPOSAL FOR SECTION IV OF PROCEDURES FOR OFFENSIVE ARMS (SOVIET TRANSLATION):

"IV. PROCEDURE FOR REPLACEMENT OF A BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE LOST AT SEA OR DISABLED BEYOND REPAIR"-

"IN THE EVENT THAT A BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE IS ACCIDENTLY LOST AT SEA OR DISABLED BEYOND REPAIR, SUCH A SUBMARINE MAY BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER SUBMARINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

(A) NOTIFICATION OF THE LOSS OF DISABLEMENT SHALL BE MADE TO THE OTHER SIDE.

(B) THE NUMBER OF LAUNCHERS ON THE REPLACEMENT SUBMARINE SHALL NOT CAUSE THE TOTAL OF LAUNCHERS TO EXCEED THAT AUTHORIZED IN THE INTERIM AGREEMENT AND THE PROTOCOL THERETO.

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(C) THE DISABLED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE SHALL BE DISMANTLED OR DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION III OF THESE PROCEDURES."

GRAYBEAL MADE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS NOTING THAT CHANGES IN TITLE, INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH AND PARAGRAPHS B AND C

APPEARED TO BE AN IMPROVEMENT; HOWEVER, PARA A DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT US PROPOSAL OF OCT 18TH WHICH INCLUDED NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENTION TO PROVIDE A REPLACEMENT SUBMARINE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT SCC SESSION.

5. GRAYBEAL MADE FORMAL STATEMENT IMPLEMENTING GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF STATE 213966, AND PROVIDED SOVIETS SPECIFIC LANGUAGE AS FOLLOWS:

"PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES AND THE SUPERSTRUCTURE ABOVE THEM FOR THE 'H-CLASS' SUBMARINES MUST INCLUDE:"

"REMOVAL OF LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES WILL BE IN THE OPEN IN PREDESIGNATED SHIPYARDS. THE SHIPYARDS TO BE USED FOR SSBN DISMANTLING SHALL BE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

A. THAT ENTIRE PART OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE (INCLUDING THE FAIRWATER) AND OUTER HULL ABOVE THE MISSILE COMPARTMENT OF THE SUBMARINE WILL BE REMOVED.

B. THAT SECTION OF THE MISSILE COMPARTMENT PRESSURE HULL (HULL CROWN PLATING AND FRAME SEGMENTS) WHICH CONTAINS ALL OF THE HULL PENETRATIONS FOR THE MISSILE LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES, AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE MISSILE LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES WILL BE REMOVED.

C. THE PRESSURE HULL AND OUTER HULL MAY THEN BE RESTORED ONLY BY WELDING INTO PLACE NEW SECTIONS WITHOUT LAUNCH TUBE PENETRATIONS.

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D. NO SUPERSTRUCTURE OR FAIRWATER WILL BE REPLACED OVER THE SECTION OF THE SUBMARINE FROM WHICH THE LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES HAVE BEEN REMOVED."

USTINOV REGRETTED THAT US SIDE HAD NOT APPROACHED THIS MATTER IN A SUFFICIENTLY POSITIVE MANNER. HE STATED THAT SOVIET SIDE WOULD STUDY US PROPOSAL AND RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT AT A FUTURE MEETING. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION USTINOV REITERATED DISAPPOINTMENT IN US RESPONSE AFTER EXCHANGES THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN FIRST SCC SESSION AND IN CURRENT SESSION.

6. NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 5, AT WHICH TIME BOTH SIDES PLAN TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC PROCEDURES FOR ICBM DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION. GRAYBEAL

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